

A  
TRUE RELATION  
OF THE  
PRESENT ESTATE  
OF  
IRELAND:

In a Letter written from one  
Master *Peters* in *Dublin*, to one  
Sir *Robert Iones* a Knight, resident in  
the Citie of LONDON: which  
came to him the 17. of *February*.  
*Anno Dom. 1642.*

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*Noble Sir,*

**W**E here rejoyce much at the care and endeavours of the High Court of Parliament in that Kingdome, to send us timely ayde and assistance of men, money, and ammunition against the Rebels; by whom otherwise this Citie had beene (ere this time) made a prey. The last forces that came over did us great pleasure: We have also here landed forces from *Scotland*, under the command of that valiant Souldier Generall *Lesley*, by whom likewise wee have beene much strengthened and encouraged to defend our Citie and persons, families and estates, which are begirt and besieged with at least 50000 Rebels, who have received ayde and reliefe from *France* and other parts, that much encourageth them: Yet are they not so terrible to us, or doe we so much feare them, as the treacherous designs privately practised by Papists and their adherents, inhabiting in the

Citty; which dare to be so presumptuous as to wish publicly prosperity to the Rebels; and speak in great favour of their cause, which causeth in us just suspicion of their evill intentions, confirmed also by the open speeches of the Rebels, who have said, that if the Citie were not the sooner yeilded up to them, they hoped to finde friends in the same, that would set the same on fire. Also the daily revolting of Souldiers to the Rebels which come from *England*, who outwardly pretend faire, but when employed in service against them, they revolt to them; which puts us in great feare who to trust in that imployment: Therefore our hearty desires are that the Parliament would be pleased to send over (as neare as they can) both such Commanders and Souldiers as are good Protestants, and altogether disaffected to the Romish Religion: and that none may be sent over that have any kindred or alliances Papist Rebels, fearing their taking part with the Rebels rather then against them, for the rebellion yet daily so increaseth, that the Kingdom is yet in great danger of utter destruction; if God in mercy prevent it not with sudden ayde and assistance: The Provinces of *Lemster* and *Vlster* are altogether in subjection to the Rebels, of whom Sir *Philemon O'neale* is Generall; who hath lately constituted Colonell *Richard Plauquet* Lieutenant Generall of *Lemster*, and most of the North parts of this Kingdome are in their subjection. Master *Francis Moore* of late hath done valiant Acts in assaulting divers of the Rebels, and taking of the grand Traytor

for *Art Roe Mac Mahon*, at a Crete or Cottage neare *Drogheda*, whereof the Right Honourable *Charles Lord Moore* is Vicount. Yet nevertheless that many overthrowes have beene given the Rebels in divers places of this Kingdome, as well in the Provinces of *Corke* and *Munster*, as *Lemster*, *Ulster*, and *Dublin*; yet doe they increase in strength, and doe great dammage and harme in all Countries where they have got head, with savage and inhumane cruelties, that the most barbarous nations in the world (I beleeve) have not done the like; God grant an end to their cruelties for Sion sake, and his Gospell and true Religion sake, that these wicked enemies thereof, not scarce deserving the name of humane creatures, may no more triumph over the Saints and servants of God, and glory in their own wickednesse.

We hear newes that the Pope hath sent to divers Princes as *Spain* and *France* to take Armes to defend their Religion; in assisting the Catholique Rebels in *Ireland*, by invading the Kingdom with a powerfull Army, or to invade *England*, thereby to hinder the King and Parliament from sending any more aid hither, but that all their endeavours may be taken up to defend themselves, and that Kingdom, the Pope also, as credibly reported, hath sent over a generall pardon for all that take Armes in defence of Popery, and have sent to their Generall, *Philemon Oneale*, a Banner displayed, importing their quarrell is onely in defence of the Religion of the Pope and Saint *Peter*, and hath sent him many pre-

sents of his favour, to animate and encourage him to proceed in his intended enterprises, and promised that nothing in his power lay should be wanting towards their assistance and encouragements. There was a battel also fought about a week agoe between the Scots, English, and the Rebels, in the Province of *Dublin*, which was fierce and cruell, the Rebels defending themselves valiantly a long time, but at last was vanquished by the English and Scots, there being about eight thousand of the Rebels slain and many taken Prisoners, there being onely one thousand of English and Scots together slain; this battell held almost two dayes, the chief Commanders of the English was the Lord *Dungarvan*, Sir *Simon Harcourt*, Sir *William Cootes*, and of the Scots Generall *Lesley*, &c. Another such overthrow will much weaken the strength of the Rebels, which we daily pray God would in his good time altogether subdue and overthrow to their utter confusion, or turne their hearts to do that which is right, and give them a sight of their errorrs, and desperate opinions in their false idolatrous and superstitious worshipping of God, in their blinde and ignorant Religion: and thus much at this time to certifie you of our present conditior.

As also their flight from thence upon the coming of Captaine *Pollard*, and some *Scotch* regiments against them, with the losse of the Towne, and all the ammunition to our *English* forces.

Upon the 10. of *February*, *Anno Dom. 1642.* the Rebels having lately apprehended some eightene

teene Protestants in the Towne of *Oggerfney*, in the County of *Munster*, carried them before the Lord *Corton*, who was chosen Lieutenant Generall of their Horse to be examined as concerning their Religion, which they boldly averred to be the Protestant faith, in which they resolved to live and die, whereupon they were forthwith committed to prison, where they lay in a dungeon, enduring great misery through the abuse of the souldiery that delighted in nothing more than in tormenting them; the principall of all these Protestants was Sir *Edward Pellam* who had a son in law (being a Recusant) eldest Captain of a horse-troop in the regiment belonging to the Lord *Autrim*, who very earnestly desired of the Lord *Corton*, *Oneale*, and the residue of Councell of war, sitting about that occasion, that he might stand as baile for his fathers appearance, moving it with such zeal and earnest affection towards his father, that he had almost obtained his request, untill that one *Dennis Carley* Serjeant Major to the said Regiment, and Captain *Carley* his nephew, with divers other enemies to the Protestants, perswaded the contrary, alleaging that being an enemy to their Religion and present proceeding, it might be a meanes to his escape, and the other his son who pleaded for him likewise, who shewed very little affection to the Church of *Rome* to plead so much for a hereticke, though he had been his owne father, therefore they desired that he might likewise be examined unlesse he might be one of their confederacy, which they did, but nothing being found



found wherein that to condemne him, nevertheleſſ he was ſentenced to be committed to cloſe priſon, which the ſouldiers underſtanding of whom he was very much beloved, and conſidering the injuſtice of the cauſe, came with one conſent upon the Council of war, and *per ſas aut neſas* delivered him, with all falling into ſuch an abrupt mutiny, being inſtigated and egged forward by Captain *Bolte*, whom they had freed, who was eager of revenge on his enemies, that they deſperately hurt *Oneale*, ſlew both the *Carleyes*, Captain *Sartwell*, and Captain *King*, their companions, and three hundred ſouldiers: he in the mean time getting through the preſſe, gave intelligence to Captain *Pollard* commanding a company of Scots, who with others came to the Town, upon the intelligence of whoſe approach, the Rebels fled, notwithstanding they ſpared not to vent their ſpleen upon the poor Proteſtants, whom they maſſacred and cut all to pieces, leaving in the Town through haſte and fear of being overtaken the moſt part of their Armes, three ſmall field-pieces with their carriages, ten wagons with ammunition, as alſo the trace horſes to draw them, which proved the ſpoile to the Scorish Proteſtants.

Dublin 17. 1642.

*Yours in all obſervance, to  
pleaſure yon hereafter,*

John Peters,

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